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EVENT

ENLARGED GENERAL COUNCIL : Duquesne University, US East, 2001

This Enlarged Council was the sixth to be held since the new system of shared responsibility was introduced by the General Chapter of 1974.

AN ENLARGED COUNCIL is not a General Chapter.

Its principal purpose is to provide a forum for progress reports on where we stand now, particularly in relation to the orientations of the last General Chapter and where we are going in the future. This E.G.C. was therefore a meeting for listening to views, not for taking votes – and not a single vote was taken, though many views were expressed and the temptation was resisted when it emerged.

It was held at Duquesne University, U.S.A., hosted by the province of the US East, from 24th June – 7th July 2001. It addressed key issues: Formation in relation to our mission today; interdependence in our Congregation today (along with the collaboration and solidarity that this demands); the inspiration that we receive today from our Founders and our history (the Spiritan Year, from 2nd February, 2002 to Pentecost, 2003).

In his opening talk, the Superior General welcomed all the participants to the E.G.C. – these included the representatives, the special invitees (students, a lay associate from Canada and History/Anniversaries group) and functionaries. He said that meetings such as the E.G.C. have become the celebration of a mystery – the celebration of our spiritan mission to the ends of the earth, in peace and togetherness, and he invited all to participate fully in the meeting. From the beginning the work was carried out in common in general assembly as well as in small commissions. Coffee-breaks and other free periods provided opportunity for informal discussion. Indeed, these individual encounters, always frank and friendly, were an important part of the proceedings and the practical results of them alone would have justified the Council.

Fifty-four members were present: 8 from the General Council, 26 representatives, 12 functionaries, 7 students and 1 lay associate. (*Photo above*).

The choice of Duquesne University was symbolic. One of the main topics on the E.G.C. agenda was Formation. And so it was fitting that the place selected should have been the University of Duquesne in the Province of USA/E whose motto is *Spiritus est qui vivificat* (it is the Spirit who gives life). The University was founded in 1887 with an

enrolment of 40 students. Today this university has more than 9,400 students and it is not only one of the leading major private catholic universities in the United States but also has an international reputation.

The US East confreres had set up an excellent logistic to ensure that the work would be done in a friendly and yet serious atmosphere: a spacious conference hall, five rooms for group discussions, one room for the General Council and two rooms for the secretariat. The secretariat had 12 people with 4 computers at their disposal and 6 more for the E.G.C. participants. And all the computers had permanent access to the internet with high-speed internet connections enabling the participants to remain in touch with their circumscriptions and the rest of the world.

The participants at the E.G.C. worked very hard, but they were sustained by excellent accomodation and delicious food which was both abundant and tasty. The constant air-conditioning was also a

great incentive to industry.

During the fourteen days we did not experience either the “mighty wind” of Pentecost nor any dazzling intuitions. Yet, all the participants were unanimous in acknowledging this meeting as giving strong support to Spiritan solidarity, to a growth in awareness of the personal involvement of all in a common work, to fraternal exchange on the different aspects of our religious and missionary life.

It is not possible in a few lines to enumerate all the topics that were treated and the presentations made - still less to describe the fraternal spirit of the discussions through the length of each day. This issue simply aims to share with you some of the more characteristic aspects of the lived experience of E.G.C. 2001. **The General Council intends to publish shortly an *ID* on the EGC, outlining the fundamental orientations of the meeting and the follow-up envisaged by the General Council itself.**

The Discussions

The tone was set from the beginning by the moderators, Frs. John Geary and José Manuel Sabença, (*photo below*) who made it clear that what the General Council wanted was suggestions and advice to help it in its task of guiding the Congregation. In the evaluation at the end of the meeting, the moderators' conducting of it received unanimous praise. They guided the discussions with a gentle but firm hand, letting interventions on each theme continue as long as they were throwing new light on it.

Another factor in the success of the meeting was the

excellent preparation that had gone into it by the Preparatory Committee (P. Schouver, J. Fogarty and R. Kimaryo) in liaison with the E.G.C. Coordinator for the U.S. East Province, Fr. John Sawicki, who had the assistance of a remarkable team of lay people from Duquesne University.

At the beginning of the meeting, a Steering Committee was set up, made up of Frs. Pierre Schouver, Jeronimo Cahinga, José Sabença, John Geary, Peter Conaty, Wenceslas Rabe and Pierre Jubinville. These confreres had to put in overtime every evening after supper, assessing progress and planning the following day's program.

The Superior General's report

The opening session on the morning of Tuesday 26th was devoted to the Superior General's presentation of his report (*photo below*). He began by reminding the participants about the purpose of the E.G.C., as stated in SRL (206.3): an E.G.C. is a consultative meeting. He underlined the need to reinforce the unity of our Congregation in the wake of the increased diversity we are now experiencing.

He then proceeded to highlight certain points from his report:

The first part recalls the vision of Maynooth regarding Spiritan mission. Mission is made up of three strands which combine together to form one strong cord: mission, inspiration and community life and collaboration. Spiritan mission which places a particular emphasis on first evangelisation, social engagement (particularly justice and peace) and education, is a qualitative undertaking in the Holy Spirit. It rejects any approach that is characterized by pretension or domination; it is rather a movement of humility, flowing from the Spirit.

The second part compares the ideals of Maynooth with the reality of what we are living today in the Congregation. For us Spiritans, mission is still at the heart of our commitment: this is seen in the longstanding presence of some confreres in difficult and dangerous situations, in their mobility and availability, ready to change their place of work and their style of mission, and in the readiness of young confreres to go where the need is greatest. But there are also some signs of a weakening of enthusiasm for mission – young and sometimes not so young confreres withdrawing to their provinces of origin. After the 1968 Chapter, there was a movement towards new areas of first evangelisation. This was followed up with smaller groups going to areas that were barely evangelised, or other areas which were predominantly Moslem, where there was little hope of visible results in the foreseeable future. Many confreres and Lay Associates are now working in a special way with the poor, particularly in the area of justice and peace and help for refugees. Where Spiritans are no longer in charge of educational establishments, efforts are made to ensure the continuation of the Spiritan ethos.

The third part of the report speaks of our Spiritan community life. Renewed efforts are being made to measure up to the Spiritan ideal of community as an indispensable base for mission. Community life should be a pivotal source of inspiration for us but we sometimes reduce it to the bare

Zacarias Camuele and Armando Livamba (Angola)

minimum.

The fourth part talks of the challenges we face and the conversions needed for us to face up to them. We must resist the temptation to hide behind the familiar and trusted ways and be ready to launch out into new and unknown missionary ventures. Formation must be renewed and adapted to the new approaches to mission. Our life together should also move forward towards greater mutual concern, greater dialogue and a basically simple way of life.

Another serious challenge we face is in the realm of finance: how can we provide for the enormous formation costs of our young confreres and finance those new smaller apostolic groups that have little hope of financing themselves for a long time to come? We are all being called to discern the message that the Spirit is giving us for our mission today. Inspiration and discernment are more than every required from each confrere so that we can seek and courageously follow the new missionary paths of the Lord.

The General Bursar's Report: Economic Interdependence

In the first session of the morning of Friday June 29, the General Bursar, Fr. André Loos, (*photo on the right*) presented his financial report which was an assessment of the implementation of the decisions and orientations of the Maynooth Chapter.

For several years now, the Congregation has not been able to balance its books; the regular income has been insufficient to meet our growing needs, above all in the area of formation. Maynooth, in the light of this difficulty, called for a more moderate life-style and a better management of the funds that we have available. It asked us to look again at our solidarity in the Congregation, particularly the Cor Unum Fund (largely dedicated to formation expenses), to see if we can make it even more fruitful. Maynooth gave guidelines as to how it should be divided: 70% for ordinary formation needs, 20% for formation buildings and 10% for extraordinary grants. The General Council, also prompted by Maynooth, established further criteria for distribution. The main one was the number of students in formation in each circumscription, the larger amount being given for those in the noviciate and second cycle, a smaller amount for postulancy, stage and on-going formation.

Cor Unum is fed above all by contributions from the circumscriptions. Maynooth insisted that every circumscription must contribute, even if the amount given is necessarily symbolic for those with few resources. Around two thirds of the circumscriptions have complied

with this decision. Aid is sometimes given directly between circumscriptions linked by historic or other ties, on the understanding that the Generalate is informed.

Maynooth asked once again that every circumscription should strive for economic self-sufficiency. It also reminded confreres of the necessity of solidarity with the General Administration: the upper age limit for personal contribution was raised to 70 years and the amount was fixed (subsequently by the General Council) at one week's ordinary salary in the country where the circumscription is situated. If many circumscriptions depend on the Generalate, it is also true that the Generalate depends on the solidarity of the circumscriptions.

For the last 5 years, the General Administration has been running at a loss; Cor Unum could only meet 23% of the requests made in 2000. So the General Council has started or encouraged various initiatives: the creation of partnerships between poor circumscriptions and those that are better off, finding new funds. (Fr. Noel O'Meara has been appointed Assistant General Bursar with the special role of fundraising in North America and Europe and the creation of a new fund called "The Spiritan Fund" for general needs).

THE MAIN THEMES

1 Formation

On the morning of 27th June Fr. Rogath Kimaryo (*photo below*) presented his report on formation by describing it as a work of the Holy Spirit combined with our human efforts.

He then spoke about this topic under two main headings:

- The situation before the 1998 Maynooth Chapter (the 1992 Itaiçi Chapter with the subsequent *Guide for Spiritan Formation*, and the 1995 Dakar E.G.C., focusing on on-going formation, with a recommendation of training centres in Africa - SIST, Nigeria and Bagamoyo, Tanzania).
- The experiences and orientations of Maynooth (1998).

The Maynooth General Chapter identified the essential characteristics of Spiritan mission today.

Formation as such was not on the agenda, but it was obvious to all that the relevance of our formation would need to be re-examined in the light of the Maynooth insights on mission. Maynooth also suggested an apprenticeship style for Spiritan formation – the same style as used by Jesus himself.

Some observations from the **General Council**:

- From their visitations they have seen much that is excellent in our formation, both from the point of view of formators and of students.

- The relationship between formators and students is crucial to the process. A balance is to be sought between the necessary ultimate authority of the formator and the need for a human, family-type relationship with the students. The apprenticeship model of Itaiçi is attractive. Formators teach above all by their personal life-witness. Students need role models, inspiring examples of what Spiritans should try to be.
- The General Council feels that separate communities for formators and students goes contrary to this ideal. We are one Spiritan family and, while respecting the difference in roles, our relationships in all communities (including formation communities) should reflect this.
- There is an over-emphasis on academic studies. Studies should not be undertaken for their own sake, even less for personal glorification; they must be relevant to the needs of the Congregation and the mission we serve.
- Formators need to be chosen with care. They have to be committed to the vital task given to them and not seek to leave formation at the first opportunity.
- Large formation communities pose a problem: they are often incompatible with an apprentice/family type of relationship. What is the answer? A limit on the size of such communities? Smaller groups within the larger unit?
- Confreres need to be trained for community living (it does not come naturally) and increasingly for international communities.

The General Council has already taken some initiatives along these lines:

- ❖ The appointment of a Secretary for formation/education at the Generalate;
- ❖ Arranging international meetings for formators. There will be another such meeting at Chevilly in July 2002;
- ❖ Encouraging Regional meetings for young Spiritans.

Students' report/participation

The General Council invited 7 young Spiritans in formation, (*photo below*) representing the various regions of the Congregation, to take part in the E.G.C. at Duquesne. They met together when they arrived to share their ideas and on Thursday, June 28, Benedict Iheagwara from Nigeria addressed the General Assembly in their name.

They listed several problems that they would like to see addressed:

1. **The atmosphere of formation communities.** There must be mutual trust and confidence between formators and students and between the students themselves. The authoritarian style of relationship still exists in some places: it is counter productive and leads in our days to nothing but resentment and a reluctance to co-operate. For young people today, opportunities to express their ideas and feelings are essential for them to feel appreciated and accepted. In other words, the ideal for a formation community is no different to that of any other Spiritan community.
2. **International formation.** In the future, international teams will become the norm, so it is only logical that formation communities should likewise have a cultural/linguistic mix so that training in community life will be relevant to what is to come.
3. **Formation of Formators.** Many formation houses are suffering from a lack of well-trained formators. For several years, the Congregation has recognised this as a priority but relatively little progress has been made so far. We must take it seriously. Formators have to be present to those they are accompanying; therefore they should not look for, or be given other, supplementary jobs that would reduce their availability to the young Spiritans for whom they are responsible.
4. **Lack of Funds.** This remains a serious problem in many formation houses. Many desirable or even essential projects have had to be abandoned because of this.
5. **First appointments.** The students would like to see more dialogue in the first appointment process. More attention could be paid to the preference expressed by the young Spiritans. Some appointments call for

special skills; plenty of time for preparation should therefore be given before an appointment is taken up.

2 First appointments

In his presentation on this subject, Fr. Michael Onwuemeli (*photo below*) urged confreres to allow the General Council to exercise its liberty in making first appointments as it judges necessary (as laid down by SRL). The GC will still respect the dialogue process with all those concerned, but it has the duty to make the final decision.

In making first appointments the GC, amongst other things, considers the list of mission priorities - updated each year from the information received from the circumscriptions - as well as the list of requests for personnel, and the particular desires of the young confrere.

As for the procedure for applying, superiors should see to it that students make their applications in time to arrive in the Generalate by the end of September each year. Adequate information must be provided regarding the confreres concerned. Circumscriptions which are seeking confreres on first appointment should likewise apply in good time, giving precise details of the mission for which help is being sought.

He underlined the importance of a welcoming community, which will give our young confreres a sense of belonging and fulfilment, and the provision of the necessary tools for mission (language course, orientation etc.). Both the young confrere and the receiving circumscription should respect these two points.

There seems to be a misunderstanding about the duration of first appointments: the *Administrative Guide* gives 3 years as an absolute minimum, but our General Chapters, including Maynooth, stressed that they should normally last for a much longer period, both for the good of the mission and the confrere concerned.

Although first appointments to one's circumscription of origin can be considered in exceptional circumstances, the work envisaged must always have a distinct missionary and trans-cultural character. But the norm remains an experience of mission ad extra.

3 The Spiritan Year: 2nd February 2002 – Pentecost 2003

Some time was spent considering the celebration of the coming Spiritan Year (300 years since the founding of the Congregation, 150 years since the death of Fr. Francis Libermann and 200 years since his birth). The regional co-ordinators of the preparations, meeting in Rome in January, 2001, gave the following recommendations (Cf. *Spiritan News* of Jan./Feb. 2001, no. 135):

- ❑ A double aim for the Spiritan Year: personal and community renewal and, diffusion of our Spiritan Charism at all levels of society.
- ❑ Some Focal Points: a principal challenge (the rediscovery of the charism of our founders), focused on one issue (e.g. displaced people). We should do this in solidarity with those confreres who have given their lives living this challenge and those who are living the reality of the Cross to-day.

□ Hope should be the dominant theme of the opening ceremonies; an evaluation of the Spiritan Year should take place around the time of the closing stages.

□ Pilgrimages to/in France;

Christian de Mare
other practical suggestions; role of the Generalate etc.

Here are examples of what is being done in France and Brazil; presented by Frs. Christian Berton and Altervir da Silva:

France:

Amongst the many proposed events being considered in France is a pilgrimage for representatives of circumscriptions throughout the Congregation. It would include visiting the main pilgrimage sites: Rennes, Paris, Saverne, Amiens etc. Details are still being worked out.

Brazil:

- They are working in teams (regional/national levels), involving other religious and laity to prepare formation material for propaganda purposes.
- There are five stages in their work, each of which has a poster proper to it, indicating the different steps in the preparation process.
- 8,600 booklets have been published and given out in Brazil. They tell the story of the Congregation in general and of Brazil in particular. (They have a system of getting feedback on the effectiveness of this booklet).
- The central focus of their preparations is the Youth Congress that will be held in Sao Paulo in July 2002. Five hundred delegates will be invited; they will share their stories - be they their dreams or their nightmares. The poster for this meeting has already been prepared.
- They will hold courses, quizzes, competitions etc. about the Spiritans;
- The Spiritan Group in Paraguay are also taking part in this whole animation programme via the regional meeting for superiors of South America. The Region hopes to launch a new mission project 'ad

extra' in 2003, in conjunction with the celebration of the Spiritan Year.

4 The next General Chapter and the length of the mandate of the Superior General

The two morning sessions of 5th July were devoted to a discussion about the location and date of the next General Chapter as well as the length of the mandate of the Superior General and the frequency of General Chapters. Some proposals were made for both.

The delegates suggested the following criteria for the selection of the location of the next General Chapter: the cost, accessibility (including living and working conditions) and symbolic significance.

Praying together

As for the frequency of Chapters, there was large support for a proposal to extend the period to every 8 or 9 years. This would mean that the mandate of the Superior General would be of the same length (but not renewable). These are only suggestions that will be taken up again at the next General Chapter when a decision will be reached.

John Fogarty

PRESENTATIONS

There were several special presentations made during the course of the meeting:

- Retreat Day on Monday 25th June was led by Fr. **Sean Kealy**. Using the two gospel texts - "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*" (Lk 4:16-21) and "*It is the Spirit who gives life*" (Jn 6:63) - he gave two talks which were both inspiring and challenging.
- The Justice and Peace co-ordinator, Fr. **John Kilcrann**, recalled the tasks set in this area by the Maynooth Chapter. These included the preparation of a Justice and Peace programme in each circumscription; the priority given to our work with refugees, to reconciliation and conflict resolution and facilitating the role of women in the Church and society. Maynooth also emphasised the centrality of a Justice and Peace input in formation, ongoing training and education. The possibility of having NGO status at the UN was recommended.

Currently a "Guide for Spiritan Justice and Peace Animation" is being prepared in the Generalate. The first draft should be available by late 2001 and will play a vital role in implementing many of the Maynooth directives. The Rome office is also working on projects dealing with the prevention and treatment of trauma, a Spiritan African refugee centre and affiliation to the United Nations. It also produces a newsletter, is available to confreres for advice, resources, contacts and courses and collaborates with other Congregations and organisations on numerous justice and peace questions.

- On the afternoon of June 27th, Fr. **Anthony Gittins**, gave a talk to the participants on the three dimensions of our Spiritan consecration: the proclamation of the Good News, the practice of the evangelical counsels and life in a fraternal and praying community (SRL 1 and 3). He spoke of three kinds of community: spontaneous community (*communitas*), normative and ideological community.
- Fr. **Edward O'Farrell**, Secretary for Formation and Education. He explained his role to the E.G.C. participants and his desire to learn from those present about how they see this role.

One of the main themes of his report was a call for a new style of formation. Formation today must be rooted in our present understanding of mission (presence, listening, sharing, dialogue etc). It is more a spirituality

rather than a strategy.

He concluded his report by spelling out his responsibility: updating information about education and formation; updating lists of courses on specialized subjects; information on courses in houses of formation; attendance at meetings of formators/educators; collaboration in the organization of meetings of an international nature among formators and educators; maintaining and developing contact with other institutes in matters relating to formation/education; opportunities for developing appropriate courses at Duquesne in both areas of formation and education for the needs of the Congregation. Finally, he will have the role of "Academic Assistant" for confreres coming to Rome for studies.

- Dr. **Charles Dougherty**, President-Elect of Duquesne made three short points.

Listening and translating

- He welcomed all the participants to Duquesne, a great University founded by the Spiritans and which has a remarkable record of achievements up to the present day.
 - He promised to maintain, to the best of his ability, the strong Catholic and Spiritan ethos of the University during his tenure of office.
 - He then asked for our support and prayers; the blessings of the Holy Spirit on the University and a basic presence of Spiritan personnel for the campus, in spite of the shortages in this area.
- Fr. **Jean-Pierre Gaillard** spoke about the Spiritan European Secretariat in Brussels. It was set up by the Provincials of Europe in 1987 for the purpose of greater collaboration and co-ordination among the provinces of Europe. In 1997, it added a special office for Projects (CSECD) which is presently being managed by a confrere from Portugal, Fr. Firmino Cachada. This office assists confreres in processing applications for specific projects and helps to channel these to agencies that may be willing to help.
 - **Marie-Reine Guilmette** is a Spiritan Associate of the Canadian Province. She gave a talk to the assembly on the subject of Lay

Associates in the Congregation. It was a testimony to the place of the Holy Spirit in their lives – his call and his continuing presence which inspires the life and work of lay people when they collaborate in the mission of the Congregation.

- Fr. **Donald McEachin**, who is currently the provincial of USA East, gave a most interesting illustrated talk on the history of the University which so generously hosted the E.G.C. When the German Spiritans first arrived in Pittsburgh in 1878, it was far from being the most salubrious city in the United

the US Steel Corporation, an ex-student of Duquesne and the current Chairman of the University Board of Trustees, spoke briefly and explained the working of the Board on which Spiritans are well represented. Like Dr. John Murray, he made a strong plea that more qualified Spiritans from all over the world be assigned to the University in order to assure the continuing influence of the Congregation's holistic approach to education.

Computer room in Vickroy building

States. The steel and mining industries were attracting waves of poor immigrants. Their pay was at starvation level, life expectancy was around 43 years and cholera, typhoid and all kind of lung diseases were common. Consequently, religious orders were reluctant to come to Pittsburgh.

- Dr. **John Murray** also addressed the assembly. He has been president of Duquesne since 1988, steering the University through a period of unprecedented expansion and success. He laid emphasis on the fact that the charism of the Spiritans is still a driving force behind the ethos of Duquesne. While welcoming all and excluding none, the University is not reluctant to proclaim its Christian and Catholic identity. The mission Statement is the yardstick against which all decisions are measured; the unswerving aim is academic excellence alongside a profound concern for moral and spiritual values.

Mr. **John Connolly**, Vice-President of

Christian Berton (left) and André Loos

Vickroy building where we stayed (centre left)

NEWS ITEMS

Decisions of the General Council

The General Council nominates Fr. Gérard **Vieira**, of the Province of France as General Archivist at Chevilly for a second mandate of three years, with effect from 1st September, 2001.

The General Council nominates Fr. Vincent **O'Toole**, of the English Province as Archivist at the Generalate, for a third mandate of three years, with effect from 1st December, 2001.

The General Council nominates Fr. Philip **Ng'oja**, of the

East African Province as Director of the Information Office at the Generalate for a second mandate of three years, with effect from 1st September, 2001.

The Superior General with the consent of his Council confirms the election of Fr. Michael **White** as Superior of the Province of U.S. West for a mandate of three years, with effect from the 1st July, 2001.

The Superior General with the consent of his Council confirms the election of Fr. Cornelius **McQuillan** as Major

Superior of the District/Foundation of Puerto Rico for a mandate of three years, with effect from the 13th July, 2001.

The Superior General with the consent of his Council accepts the resignation of Fr. Denis **Wiehe** as Major Superior of the Indian Ocean Foundation with effect from the 14th August, 2001. In accordance with SRL 172.6, Fr. Wenceslas **Rabe**, the first assistant, takes over as Acting Superior of the Indian Ocean Foundation as from the 14th August, 2001 until the next Enlarged Council meeting of the Foundation.

The Superior General with the consent of his Council transfers Fr. Etienne **Osty** from the French Seminary in Rome to the Indian Ocean Foundation, with effect from 1st September, 2001.

The General Council nominates Fr. Henry **Moloney**, of the Province of Ireland, as Bursar of the community of the Generalate for three years, with effect from 15 September, 2001.

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, nominates Fr. Gabriel **Ezewudo** as Major Superior of the new Province of Nigeria, for a mandate of three years, with effect from 2nd October, 2001.

The Superior General with the consent of his Council appoints Fr. Victor **Martinez** of the Group of Mexico to the Group of Paraguay. Initially, he was appointed to the District of Tefé.

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, confirms the election of Fr. Leo **Ekeanyanwu** as Major Superior of the District of Zimbabwe, for a second mandate of three years, with effect from 10th September, 2001.

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, nominates Fr. John **Kwofie** as Major Superior of the new Province of West Africa, for a mandate of three years, with effect from 2nd October, 2001.

Service at the Generalate : Henry Moloney

Fr. Henry Moloney was born in Cobh, Co Cork in 1938. Educated at CBC, Cork, he was professed in the Congregation in 1957 and ordained in 1967. At UCD, he took an honours degree in History and a Diploma in Education. Thereafter, he spent much of his career in secondary education in Ireland, as well as six years in Sierra Leone from 1973 to 1979. He was appointed to an Irish Commission in 1995 to help prepare the Spiritan Anniversaries, representing Ireland at international gatherings of the Commission for History and Anniversaries. He was associated with various historical publications on the history of the Irish Province and the history of the Congregation. On 15th September he took up his service as community bursar at the Generalate in Rome.

Nomination: Spiritan Bishop

On 15th May, 2001, the Holy Father named Fr. Denis Wiehe CSSp as Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Port Victoria, Seychelles. Fr. Denis was born on 21st May, 1940, in Mauritius. After primary and secondary studies, he joined

the noviciate and was professed in 1960. He studied philosophy at Kimmage Manor in Dublin and Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome. He was ordained priest in 1969. Since then he has been engaged in several ministries: teaching at the Collège du St. Esprit (1970-82); Vocations (1973-82); novice master (1982-83); Director of Pilgrimages and assistant parish priest (1984-86); General Councillor of the Congregation (1986-92); Formation and Diocesan Catechesis (1993-2000); and Major Superior of the Fondation Océan Indien (FOI) and Parish Priest of Sainte Croix until his nomination. His Episcopal ordination took place on 15th August, 2001.

OUR DEAD

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